

ICFRE Celebrates World Environment Day 2021



Dehradun (The Hawk): Virtual Celebration of World Environment Day, 2021 by the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, Dehradun Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) celebrated the World Environment Day 2021 through virtual mode on 05.06.2021. Over 100 officials from MoEF&CC and its regional offices, ICFRE and its Institutes, various State Forest Departments, Directorate of Mining & Geology of various states, Coal India Limited and its subsidiary bodies (NCL, MCL, BCCL, SECL, WCL, ECL, CCL), Singareni Colliery Company Ltd., and reputed mining companies and other organizations from the country attended the celebration.

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system Restoration, said that the contribution of ecosystem services account for half of global GDP and further pointed out the direct and indirect drivers of environmental degradation affecting the ecosystem functions. He expressed concern over the increased frequency and intensity of natural disasters like floods, droughts, cloudburst, cyclones, tsunami, etc. as a result of environmental changes and the huge cost involved in managing such disasters. He suggested that such adverse events can be curtailed through concerted efforts by individual, organizations and governments at national and international levels. He also stressed upon the importance of pollinator's productivity of agricultural, horticultural and forestry species in the context of environmental changes. On this occasion he also highlighted the contribution of ICFRE and

its Institutes made in the environmental amelioration through preparation of R&R Plans for iron ore mines in Bellary sector of Karnataka, restoration of coal mining areas in Singrauli and Dhanbad Coal mining areas, preparation of detailed project reports for rejuvenation of Ganga River and other 13 major river systems in the country among others. He further called upon Scientists of ICFRE and its Institutes to look for more innovative and cost effective methods for eco-restoration of the degraded ecosystems. Dr. Sudhir Kumar, DDG (Extn.), ICFRE in his remarks spoke about the ways and means for restoration of degraded forest ecosystem. He also spoke about the key ecological challenges and healthy ecosystem which can enhance people's livelihood, counteract climate change and protect rich biodiversity.

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sentations were made by various speakers on different topics related to the eco-restoration of mine land, degraded lands, drylands, rivers, shifting cultivation, etc. The speakers on the occasion included Dr. Sudhir Kumar, DDG (Extn.), ICFRE and Sudhir Y. Wakhale, GM (Mining), Chowgule and Company Private Limited, Karnataka; Dr. G. Singh, Scientist G and GCR, AFRI, Jodhpur; Dr. Avinash Jain, Scientist-F, Forest Ecology & Climate Change Division, TFRI, Jabalpur; Shri D. Ravi Prasad, GM (Environment), SCCL, Telangana; Dr. Anshumali, Professor & Head, Centre for Water Resource Management, Dept of Env. Sci. & Engg. IIT (ISM), Dhanbad; Dr. Krishna Giri, Scientist-D, Silviculture & Forest Management Division, RFRI, Jorhat; Shri Raj Kumar, Chief Manager (Min.), Environment Department, BCCL, HQ, Dhanbad, Dr. M. Madhu, Director, ICAR-IISWC, Dehradun, Dr. Tara Chand, Scientist-E, Forest Ecology and Climate Change Division, FRI, Dehradun, and Dr. Lal Singh, Sr. Scientist, EBGD Division, NEERI, Nagpur.

During the event welcome address was given by Dr. A.N. Singh, ADG (EM), ICFRE and the vote of thanks was extended by Sh. Chandra Sharma, Scientist-B (EM Div.), ICFRE.

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